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Letter dated 12 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Haiti to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from the legitimate Government of Haiti I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a resolution concerning Haiti adopted on 31 October 1991 by the Committee of Ambassadors of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 145, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Fritz LONGCHAMP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Resolution concerning Haiti

SUPPORT OF THE ACP GROUP FOR THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF HAITI

The ACP Committee of Ambassadors,

Having heard the statement of the President of Haiti, Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, addressed to the Committee of Ambassadors concerning the illegal overthrow of the democratically elected Government of Haiti by a recent military coup d'état and the massive loss of civilian life which resulted therefrom;

Taking note of the fact that the Government of President Aristide represents the legitimate and democratic expression of the will of the people of Haiti through free elections held on 16 December 1990 under the supervision of the international community;

Noting that the Fourth Lomé Convention specifically encourages the respect, promotion and enjoyment of all human rights, including civil and political rights;

Bearing in mind the fact that Haiti is one of the most recent signatories to the ACP-EEC Lomé Convention and the need for the ACP States to demonstrate their solidarity with the democratically elected Government and the people of that State;

Considering the resolutions adopted by various international organizations, including the United Nations, the Organization of American States and the European Parliament, and calling for the restoration in Haiti of the constitutionally elected Government;

Noting that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights specifically provides that the will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government, and considering that President Aristide was elected with 67 per cent of the popular vote;

Considering that any entity created by the procedures extraneous to the constitutional process that was determined by the referendum on the 1987 Constitution and the elections of 16 December 1990 resulting therefrom is totally unacceptable;

1. Vigorously condemns the coup d'état and the use of violence as well as the daily loss of human life in Haiti;

2. Reiterates and emphasizes the condemnation by the international community of the denial of the rights of the Haitian people to self-determination;

3. Demands the total and immediate restoration of the constitutionally elected Government of President Aristide and recognizes the representatives appointed by that Government as the sole legitimate representatives of the Haitian Government to the organizations and institutions of the ACP-EEC Lomé Convention;

4. Recommends, while fully respecting the policy of each member State regarding the recognition of States and Governments, the adoption of measures aimed at the complete isolation of those unlawfully holding power in Haiti today;

5. Recommends to all States signatories to the Lomé Convention to suspend all military, economic, financial and trade relations with Haiti, as well as all aid and technical cooperation provided under the Lomé Convention, with the exception of strictly humanitarian assistance provided through non-governmental organizations;

6. Recommends further that humanitarian assistance to the Haitian population should be increased with a view to mitigating the tragic consequences of the military coup d'état;

7. Requests the President of the Senate and the President of the Chamber of Deputies of Haiti to discharge their constitutional obligation and to initiate without delay a dialogue aimed at the nomination of a Prime Minister who would be mutually acceptable to the constitutionally elected President, Father Aristide, and to the Parliament, in accordance with the Haitian Constitution;

8. Supports the appeal made by the international community for the restoration of democracy in Haiti and, to that end, urges the European Economic Community to support the efforts being made by the Organization of American States to send a civilian mission to Haiti;

9. Approves the adoption of an intensified programme of cooperation to meet the economic and social needs of the Haitian people with a view to the restoration of democracy;

10. Decides to transmit this resolution to the Chairman of the ACP Council of Ministers, the Permanent Representatives of the States members of the European Economic Community, the Commission of the European Communities and the Co-Presidents of the ACP-EEC Joint Assembly, as well as the President of Haiti, Father Aristide.